

## Physician Assistants (29-1071)

**Occupation description:** Provide healthcare services typically performed by a physician, under the supervision of a physician. Conduct complete physicals, provide treatment, and counsel patients. May, in some cases, prescribe medication. Must graduate from an accredited educational program for physician assistants. Excludes "Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics" (29-2041), "Medical Assistants" (31-9092), "Registered Nurses" (29-1141), "Nurse Anesthetists" (29-1151), "Nurse Midwives" (29-1161), and "Nurse Practitioners" (29-1171).

### Employment and Job Openings

	Average employment			Average annual openings		
	2010 estimate	2020 projection	Percent change	Growth	Replacement	Total
Alaska	338	441	30.5	10	7	17
United States	83,600	108,300	29.5	2,470	1,590	4,060

#### Job outlook

**Alaska:** Alaska's employment growth is robust with high employment opportunities. [Read more.](#)

### 2013 Wages ?

	Mean Wage and 95% Confidence Interval			Wage by Percentile		
	Low	Mean	High	10th	Median	90th
United States	n/a	45.36	n/a	29.82	44.70	62.80
Alaska	47.49	49.53	51.57	35.17	49.11	66.36
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area (MSA)	48.69	50.68	52.67	38.96	50.40	67.44
Fairbanks North Star Borough (MSA)	40.01	46.27	52.53	29.77	43.31	62.29
Balance of State	47.66	50.01	52.36	35.45	50.57	67.28

### Labor Force Indicators

#### 2012 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
471	96	20.4	51.9	41.1

#### 2012 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	68
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	39
UI claimants previously working in occupation	17

#### 2012 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	61
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Number of job position postings	162
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	0.4

## 2011 Alaska Licensing Information

Physician Assistant - Certified: 481 licensed

## Typical Entry-level Education, Experience, and/or On-the-job Training

**Education:** Master's degree

**Work experience:** None

**On-the-job training:** None

## Training Resources

	Degree
<b>Multimed</b>	
<a href="#">American Safety &amp; Health Institute (ASHI) ACLS Program</a>	
<a href="#">American Safety &amp; Health Institute (ASHI) PALS Program</a>	
<a href="#">American Safety &amp; Health Institute (ASHI) PALS Program Refresher Course</a>	

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